



**Eddie A. Perez**  
Mayor

## **HUD GRANT HELPS HARTFORD**

### **---UPDATED NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT---**

(February 20, 2009)--- Mayor Eddie A. Perez is pleased to announce that the City of Hartford has received more than \$4.5 million in federal grant money to help reduce homelessness and support local shelters.

Mayor Perez says, "This economic crisis affects everyone, particularly our most vulnerable residents who are homeless. Through our 'Journey Home' campaign, Hartford is working with regional leaders to end chronic homelessness by 2015. These federal dollars will go a long way to help support our efforts. I want to thank the Obama Administration and HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan for allocating this money to the men, women, and families who struggling to regain stability in their lives."

"The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced \$1.6 billion in Continuum of Care and Emergency Shelter Grant awards nationwide. Hartford received over \$4.5 million, the fifth consecutive year Hartford has received record resources under the Continuum of Care funding," said Philip Mangano, the President's point person on homelessness. "Mayor Perez and the City of Hartford are to be commended for continuing to invest in strategies that are preventing and ending the homelessness of the poorest and most vulnerable in the community."

In 2005, the city developed its 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness under the leadership of Mayor Perez, and in 2007, the city announced *Journey Home*, chaired by William Farley, President and CEO of CB Richard Ellis in CT. *Journey Home* is the implementation action plan for the Hartford plan to end homelessness. In 2008, *Journey Home* hired Sarah Gallagher as its Executive Director to direct its implementation.